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Wisconsin's 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Brigade headquarters ordered to active duty

The Wisconsin National Guard received a mobilization order for about 70 soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Brigade Friday (May 20). The brigade is headquartered at Camp Williams with a detachment in Wausau.

The mobilized soldiers are expected to report to active duty at their unit armories June 20 and remain there for three days before moving to their mobilization station in Louisiana.

The 32nd Brigade Headquarters mobilization order is for 545 days — about 18 months. It is expected that the unit will serve overseas for one full year following mobilization processing and several months of predeployment training.

Mobilization of the 32nd Brigade Headquarters will bring the total number of Wisconsin National Guard soldiers and airmen on active duty to about 1,965.

With this mobilization, about 5,600 soldiers and airmen from the Wisconsin Army and Air National Guard — more than 58 percent of the Guard's total force in the state — will have served on active duty since September 11, 2001.

Two battalions which are part of the 32nd Infantry Brigade had already been ordered to active duty. 670 soldiers of 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry have been on active duty since June 2004 and are currently deployed to Iraq, and 620 soldiers in 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry will report on active duty June 6. Troop E, 105th Cavalry, and the 32nd Engineer Company are providing soldiers to 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry.

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In addition, more than 2,300 Wisconsin Army National Guard soldiers from four other battalion-sized units remain on alert for a possible call to active duty.

These units are:

- 132nd Support Battalion – Portage, Madison, Janesville, Eau Claire, Waupaca, Mauston, Onalaska and Milwaukee
- 1st Battalion, 126th Field Artillery – Kenosha, Whitewater, Oak Creek, Racine and Burlington
- 2nd Battalion, 128th Infantry – Madison, Fort Atkinson, Elkhorn, Oconomowoc, Hartford, Baraboo, Reedsburg and Watertown
- 1st Battalion, 120th Field Artillery – Wisconsin Rapids, Mosinee, Marshfield, Clintonville and Stevens Point

The alert notification directs these units and their soldiers to begin preparing for a possible order to active duty. If any of these units are actually mobilized, either in full or in part, affected soldiers would expect to be on active duty for about 18 months, with as much as one full year deployed overseas.

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